

Senator Cardin's County and Municipal Governments Guide to CARES Act Funding

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Disaster Relief Fund – \$45 billion available nationwide

What can the allocated funding be used for? The CARES Act establishes a \$45 billion Disaster Relief Fund under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide for the immediate needs of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and protect citizens and help them recovery from the overwhelming effects of COVID-19. Allowable expenses may include medical response, personal protective equipment, National Guard deployment, coordination of logistics, safety measures, and community services nationwide.

What is the formula for state, county and city assistance? These funds are not distributed on a formula basis, instead, FEMA will reimburse allowable emergency expenses to state and local governments. Of the \$45 billion Disaster Relief Fund, \$25 billion is reserved for states with major disaster declarations.

How much funding will Maryland receive? Since these funds are awarded on a reimbursable basis, this number cannot be calculated. Due to the Major Disaster Declaration issued for Maryland on 3/26/20, the State and local governments qualify for reimbursement from the \$25 billion allocation.

How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding? State and local governments are able to apply directly to FEMA for reimbursable expenses.

Does the CARES Act provide any special flexibility or specific conditions for utilizing this funding? Yes. This \$45 billion in federal funding will remain available until expended.

Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne-JAG) Program – \$850 million available nationwide

What can the allocated funding be used for? Byrne-JAG is the most flexible federal law enforcement grant program and will allow state and local police departments and jails to meet local needs, including purchase of personal protective equipment and other medical items and to support overtime for officers on the front lines.

What is the formula for state, county and city assistance? This utilizes the existing formulas used to distribute Byrne-JAG funding. Of the Maryland share, 60 percent shall be made available for the state to distribute and 40 percent shall be made available directly for local governments.

How much funding will Maryland receive? In Maryland, this will provide a total of \$17,797,569, with state distribution of \$11,173,909 and local distribution of \$6,623,660 with the following Maryland units of government eligible to apply for direct funding.

- Baltimore City - \$2,770,154
- Baltimore County - \$1,036,604
- Prince George's County - \$644,034
- Anne Arundel County - \$496,884
- Montgomery County - \$431,707
- Howard County - \$184,776
- Charles County - \$131,443
- Harford County – \$97,429
- Frederick (City), MD – \$96,923
- Salisbury, MD – \$78,445
- Hagerstown, MD – \$60,473

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- Allegany County – \$58,008
- Cecil County – \$58,008
- Dorchester County – \$58,008
- Wicomico County – \$58,008
- Annapolis, MD – \$55,434
- Washington County – \$55,015
- St. Mary's County – \$54,006
- Elkton, MD – \$45,858
- Frederick County – \$42,330
- Cumberland, MD – \$39,559
- Cambridge, MD – \$38,132
- Laurel, MD – \$32,419

How can a state, territory, or local government unit apply and when can we expect funding? The Department of Justice (DOJ) has [posted the grant solicitation](#), this funding opportunity closes on Friday, May 29th. DOJ anticipates being able to award grants to eligible applicants two weeks after receipt of the application. [Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services](#) is the eligible state entity for the non-entitlement share, after being awarded funding by the Department of Justice, they will award funding to non-entitlement jurisdictions in Maryland.

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